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1. Process to transport a methanol or hydrocarbon product, from one location to another location by means of a ship wherein the methanol or hydrocarbon product is obtained by,

5 (a) separating air into oxygen and nitrogen,
(b) use of said oxygen to prepare a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen from a carbonaceous source,
(c) use of said mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen to prepare methanol or a liquid or solid hydrocarbon product, and wherein the ship is obtained by,
10 (d) loading said methanol or liquid or solid hydrocarbon product in the ship together with the nitrogen as obtained in step (a).

15 2. A process according to claim 1, in which the oxygen/nitrogen mixture used in step (i) is air.

3. A process according to claim 1 or 2, in which the stream enriched in oxygen contains at least 85 mol% oxygen based on the total stream, preferably 95 mol%, more preferably 98 mol%.

20 4. A process according to any of claim 1-3, in which the oxygen depleted stream contains at least 95 mol% nitrogen based on the total stream, preferably 98 mol%, more preferably 99 mol%.

25 5. A process according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein the product is methanol.

6. A process according to any of claims 1-4, wherein the hydrocarbon product is a paraffinic product as obtained in a Fischer-Tropsch process.

30 7. A process according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein step (d) is performed such that first nitrogen from step (a) is used to purge the product containers on board

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the ship, secondly filling the product containers with the hydrocarbon product obtained in step (c) and subsequently adding an additional amount of nitrogen from step (a) to the product containers on board the ship.